

DEATH TO THE FLY

Crusade Is On Against the Disease-Conveying Insect.

IS FOND OF LUNCHROOMS

Proprietors Must Screen or Fan Food on Display.

HEALTH OFFICERS ON JOB

Willing to Follow Up Complaints of Citizens, and They Get Results, Too.

SWAT THE FLY!

While the inspectors of the health department are concentrating their attention upon a general campaign against the common house fly, which is regarded as one of the greatest of disease-germ carriers in the summer season, a special phase of the campaign is being directed to the lunchrooms of the city. There are hundreds of such places scattered over the length and breadth of the District, and it is realized that there are few agencies which permit of a more comprehensive spreading of fly-conveyed infection, because nearly all of the lunchrooms display a large portion of the food offered for sale upon open counters or shelves.

In the noon rush of business men to these lunchrooms the prepared foods are purchased in haste and eaten quickly and there is little opportunity for the fastidious to choose between the foods that have been exposed to flies and foods that have been properly screened from these insects.

Food Must Be Screened.

The regulations of the District health department recognize the dangers which may be encountered in lunchrooms, and they provide not only for the screening of doors and windows of such business places, but they require that food on display be protected against flies. Not a few lunchroom proprietors have been haled into the Police Court and fined for violation of the "fly regulation," and still more prosecutions are likely to follow in the wake of the aggressive campaign which is now being waged.

It is conceded that the lunchroom proprietor may be ever so careful in providing screens for the doors and windows of his establishment, but even so he may not fully protect his customers from the constant swinging of the door incident to the passing of customers through the rush hour. The health department is therefore endeavoring to make it possible for flies to enter the room in swarms. The health department regulations contemplate that the food which is exposed and which is offered for sale must be protected. For this purpose it is believed that rapidly rotating screens, which are more effective than screens, since the swift currents of air blow the insects away and thus keep the foodstuffs free from fly-conveyed infection.

Within the ensuing week the health department inspectors who are assigned to general observation of the streets will be specifically instructed to institute Police Court prosecutions in cases where they find that the proprietor has failed to provide proper protection by either fans or screens.

Every Citizen Can Help.

Every citizen can help in the fly crusade. If one sees the law being violated there are plenty of telephones handy, and there's a man at the health office who will listen to what comes over the wire. Better still, the man at the health office will come out and see the offending end of the wire with his own eyes and there will be something done right away. This is how it works.

Last Saturday a citizen saw in Georgetown an open wagon going up the street swarmed over with a perfect cloud of flies. He called to the driver to stop, and he did so. The man then got out of the wagon and took his pocketbook containing \$15. The men then ran in the direction of the city. Pierce was unable to overtake them.

MEET SUCCESS IN FARMING.

Former Government Clerks Make Money on Irrigated Land.

Reports have been received both by the reclamation service and by a number of others in Washington from several former government clerks who have gone to farming on tracts of western land under the various reclamation projects that are being completed by the government. The reclamation service says that within the past two years there have been more than one hundred Washingtonians who have left the city to take up irrigated farms.

Two of the notably successful of these are Eva and Helen Hammond, daughters of Julius C. Hammond, receiving clerk of the general land office. They took up a forty-acre section each under the Truckee-Carson project in Nevada, and they did far this year to get an income of \$2,000 from the alfalfa on one of these sections alone.

Another of the amateur farmers is Frank C. Johnson, prominent here as a musician. He is making \$20,000 a year out of an irrigated fruit farm in the Truckee-Carson project.

C. O. Stout, formerly a clerk in the post office, also has a farm in the Truckee-Carson region. He says that the forty-acre tract which he took up will net \$2,000 this year from sugar beets.

There are a number of other Washingtonians preparing to make the move to the irrigated lands of the west.

Cleveland Votes Big Bond Issue.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 23.—Cleveland yesterday voted to issue \$2,000,000 worth of bonds to abolish grade crossings throughout the city, and also \$250,000 worth of bonds for the establishment of a tuberculosis sanatorium. The two projects were voted on twice before, being defeated each time. They were carried yesterday by nearly 3,000 over the necessary two-thirds of the total vote.

Charles Williamson, about thirty years old, son of Alfred Williamson, a farmer residing in Black Valley, three miles north of Flintstone, Md., was fatally injured yesterday by a runaway of his team which was attached to a hay rake.

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This statement shows a gain in net circulation of about 15,000 over the net circulation of The Evening Star for the corresponding period of a year ago.

LEADS IN SHEEP FARMING.

Value of Australian Flocks Placed at \$220,352,400.

Vice Consul General Henry D. Baker, at Sydney, in a report to this government shows that Australia leads the world in sheep farming. The estimated value of the Australian flocks is \$220,352,400, and their annual gross output is estimated at 75 per cent of the value, according to Mr. Baker's figures.

The number of sheep in the countries leading in the sheep industry are given in Mr. Baker's report as follows: Australia, 87,045,292; Argentina, 17,331,100; Russia, 58,510,823; United States, 5,681,000; United Kingdom, 30,011,833.

Star Office Visitors.

The following visitors registered today at the Star office:

George M. Eberhart, Huntington, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Miller, Anderson, Ind.

D. R. Johnson, San Marcos, Tex.

M. E. Johnson, Lockhart, Tex.

M. L. Johnson, Nixon, Tex.

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